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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of

The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported): May 9, 2005

Career Education Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

0-23245

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(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

60195

(Zip Code)

2895 Greenspoint Parkway, Suite 600, Hoffman Estates, IL (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (847) 781-3600

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 9, 2005, Career Education Corporation (the **Registrant**) issued a press release to report on the investigation conducted by the special committee of its Board of Directors. A copy of the Registrant s press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and the information contained therein is incorporated herein by reference. The information contained in this Form 8-K, including the exhibit, shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and it shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) None.

(b) None.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit Number _ Description of Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Registrant dated May 9, 2005.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CAREER EDUCATION CORPORATION

By:

/s/ Patrick K. Pesch Patrick K. Pesch Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary

Dated: May 9, 2005

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